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1. TEXT MAY 18 ARTICLE HEADLINED QADDAFI CULTIVATES LEADERS
IN U.S. BY SYNDICATED COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: TERRORIST ACTIVITY AROUND THE WORLD HAS BEEN TRACED
TO LIBYA, WHOSE AUSTERE LEADER, MUAMMER QADDAFI, LOOKS UPON
HIMSELF AS A WORLD REVOLUTIONARY. HE IS AN INTERNATIONAL
DON QUIXOTE, WITH HIS OWN PECULIAR MUSLIM-MARXIST PHILOSO-
PHY AND A CONFUSED NOTION THAT HE HEADS A NEW WORLD ORDER.

QADDAFI IS WIDELY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST
DANGEROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE LEADERS. WITHOUT MUCH THOUGHT
FOR THE CONSEQUENCES, HE HAS ORGANIZED, TRAINED, FUNDED AND
ARMED AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF TERRORISTS. MOST OF THEM
ARE ANARCHISTS WHO PAY LIP SERVICE TO HIS STRANGE IDEOLOGY
AS LONG AS HE IS HANDING OUT FREE WEAPONS.

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YET DESPITE HIS LONG HISTORY OF SENSELESS TERRORIST ACTS,
THE MERCURIAL QADDAFI APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING A COZY
RELATIONSHIP WITH SOME AMERICAN POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND
ACADEMIC LEADERS.

THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, IS CLOSE TO APPROVING

THE SALE OF 400 HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS TO LIBYA. COMPETENT SOURCES CLAIM THESE COULD BE USED AS TANK TRANSPORTS.

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION HAS AGREED TO TRAIN 18 LIBYANS AS NAVIGATIONAL AIDES AT ITS OKLAHOMA CITY TRAINING ACADEMY. THE 32-WEEK SCHOOLING WILL BEGIN JUNE 1. AN ADDITIONAL 10 LIBYANS WILL TAKE A 24-WEEK COURSE IN TECHNICAL AVIATION SKILLS AT THE FAA ACADEMY.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO APPROVED THE SALE OF AN EXECUTIVE JETLINER, WITH A 7,000-MILE RANGE, TO QADDAFI. BUT THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ALLOWING LOCKHEED TO DELIVER EIGHT C-130 TRANSPORT PLANES THAT QADDAFI HAS ALREADY PAID FOR. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BLOCKED THE EXPORT OF SPARE PARTS FOR C-130S THAT HAVE ALREADY REACHED LIBYA, HAS CALLED HOME AN AMERICAN MAINTENANCE TEAM THAT IS SERVICING THE C-130S IN LIBYA AND HAS DISAPPROVED THE SALE OF TWO GIANT 727 JETS TO QADDAFI.

OUR SOURCES SAY THAT LIBYA, MEANWHILE, HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROCURE U.S. ARMS THROUGH THE BACK DOOR. THESE INCLUDE 110 SMITH AND WESSON NIGHT SIGHTS SMUGGLED OUT OF FRANCE FOR LIBYA'S TANK FORCE AND SEVERAL BOEING VIRTOL CHINOOK HELICOPTERS SOLD TO THE LIBYANS BY AN ITALIAN SUBSIDIARY.

TO ENHANCE HIS INFLUENCE, QADDAFI HAS PLEDGED TO CONTRIBUTE
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750,000 DOLLARS TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S RESPECTED FOREIGN SERVICE SCHOOL, WHICH GRADUATES MORE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS THAN ANY OTHER UNIVERSITY. THE GRANT WOULD PROMOTE ARAB STUDIES AND THE FIRST 150,000 DOLLAR INSTALLMENT ALREADY HAS BEEN PAID.

THIS HAS PROVOKED A STIFF PROTEST FROM RABBI STEPHEN LISTFIELD, WHO WROTE PRIVATELY TO DEAN PETER KROGH AT GEORGETOWN: "I SURELY DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA GIVES FINANCIAL, PHYSICAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST BRUTAL TERRORISTS. THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA HAS HARBORED SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST VICIOUS HIJACKERS."

IN A RETURN LETTER, KROGH NOT ONLY DEFENDED THE QADDAFI GRANT BUT ACTUALLY PRAISED HIS REGIME. "I WENT TO LIBYA," HE WROTE, "SPENT BETTER THAN A WEEK THERE AND CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOVERNMENT THERE WAS PROVIDING HUMANELY FOR ITS PEOPLE AND DOING THE BEST IT COULD WITH LIMITED TRADITIONS AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOVERNMENT."

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